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SUBJECT: BAUXITE: REYNOLDS TALKS WITH GOG

REF:(A) GEORGETOWN 0222, (B) GEORGETOWN 1272

1. AT END OF MEETING ON REYNOLDS INCOME TAX DEADLINE WITH PM BURNHAM THIS MORNING (SECOND REFTEL), HE PULLED OUT COPY OF WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE DATED JULY 16 WHICH HE SAID MINISTER OF STATE NASCIMENTO HAD SENT HIM AND IN WHICH REYNOLDS SPOKESMAN ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT GOG HAD GIVEN THEM NEITHER ORAL NOR WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF NATIONALIZATION. HE SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THIS SINCE IT WAS FALSE. HE AND OTHER MEMBERS GOG DELELUTION HAD CLEARLY INFORMED REYNOLDS ORALLY THAT THEY WOULD NATIONALIZE AT MEETING BETWEEN FORMER AMBASSADOR KING, REYNOLDS DELEGATION AND GOG DELEGATION LED BY BURNHAM ON FEBRUARY 12, SINCE REYNOLDS WAS NOT INTERESTED IN MAJORITY PARTICIPATION. BURNHAM CONTINUED THAT THESE FEBRUARY DISCUSSIONS LEADING TOWARD NATIONALIZATION WERE SIMPLY RECESSED TO RESUME AT AN UNDETERMINED DATE AFTER THE CONAKRY BAUXITE PRODUCERS' TALKS. BURNHAM ASSUMES THAT THE LEVY TALKS BEGINNING ON AUGUST 5, MAY, IF IT IS THE DESIRE OF BOTH PARTIES, EITHER INCLUDE THE SUBJECT OF NATIONALIZATION OR SET A DATE FOR A RESUMPTION OF TALKS LEADING

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TOWARD NATIONALIZATION.

2. COMMENT: FIRST REFTTEL), REPORTING ON THAT MEETING, IS EQUIVOCAL, BUT CERTAINLY DOES NOT RPT NOT CLEARLY SUPPORT BURNHAMS'S CONTENTION. HOWEVER, HE MAY LATER MAKE THAT CONTENTION PUBLICLY. END COMMENT.

3. IN ANY EVENT , IT WOULD SEEM TO BE TIME FOR REYNOLDS TO FISH OR CUT BAIT ON MAJORITY PARTICIPATION OR, ALTERNATIVELY, NATIONALIZATION DISCUSSIONS. IF DEPARTMENT EXPLORES SUCH ALTERNATIVES WITH REYNOLDS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED. MATTHEWS

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